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Seasons Greetings from TSAC

The staff at TSAC want to take a moment to wish you a very special Holiday Season. We sincerely hope that as you and your loved ones spend time with family and friends during the holidays that you will be safe. We wish for happy memories to be created and shared during this time.

Many of your offices are closed during the break between Christmas Day and New Year's Day and we wanted to let you know the TSAC Holiday schedule as well. We will be closed Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th, and Friday, December 26th. In addition,

our offices will also be closed on Thursday, January 1st. If you need to speak with a specific individual or department, you may want to check for any augmentation to holiday time with vacation time to individual employee schedules.

We hope that your holiday season is a blessed one and we look forward to working with you in 2009 as we continue to assist Tennessee students in earning a college education.



TSAC Sunset Hearing Update

On Wednesday, November 12, 2008, Dr. Richard Rhoda, Interim Executive Director for TSAC, TSAC's Associate Executive Directors, and key TSAC and THEC staff members attended the Government Operations hearing at Legislative Plaza to provide an update to the Sunset Hearing committee.

Dr. Rhoda provided a brief overview of two recent state audits, one

concerning the financial audit and the other covered the results from the Sunset Audit. Dr. Rhoda answered questions from the State Senators and Representatives. There were three main questions raised that Dr. Rhoda provided clarification.

A motion was made to approve TSAC for the next five years to continue administering the TN state student financial aid programs. The motion was unanimously approved.

Grants and Scholarships Division Update

Starting January 1 students will be able to start applying for the grants and scholarships that TSAC administers. All of the applications for these programs are available on the TSAC web site.

There will be a change in the 2009-2010 academic year for the Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA) and Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) programs regarding institution transfers. In prior academic years, students have notified TSAC of a transfer request in writing or by completing the Change of Institution Request form. We are now requesting the students to revise their FAFSA and make their new institution the first choice. Once the revised FAFSA information is received, the student's institution choice will be updated in e*GRandS.

Finally, TSAC is working very diligently to disburse grant and scholarship funds to the institutions as quickly as possible. Once the institution certifies to TSAC that they are ready for payment, we are requesting payment of the funds immediately. However, you may have noticed that funds are not being received in as timely a manner as before. This is due to budget restraints and the loss of accounting staff in other agencies. We apologize for the delays but they are beyond our control. Please accept our apology and bear with us during these tight times.



FastWeb! has a free resource available to financial aid offices for students who want a five minute tutorial on how to fill out the FAFSA. This informative video can be found online at the FastWeb! website at:

<http://www.fastweb.com/fastweb/resources/articles/index/110670>



2009 College Goal Sunday Locations Finalized



**Mark Your Calendars
& Save the Date!
February 22, 2009
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

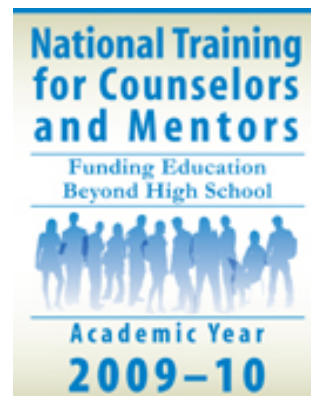
The College Goal Sunday 2009 site list has been finalized. The locations are as follows:

ATHENS TN Tech Center	DECATURVILLE Riverside High	MCKENZIE TN Tech Center
BLOUNTVILLE Northeast State CC	DYERSBURG Dyersburg State CC	MEMPHIS Lemoyne Owen Coll. Southwest TN CC Macon Cove Campus TN Tech Center White Station High
BRISTOL National College	EVENSVILLE Rhea County High	MILLINGTON Millington High
CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga State CC	GALLATIN Volunteer State CC	MILLIGAN Milligan College
CLARKSVILLE Austin Peay State Univ.	GREENEVILLE Tusculum College	MURFREESBORO Middle TN State Univ.
CLEVELAND Cleveland State CC	HARROGATE Lincoln Memorial U.	NASHVILLE Tennessee State University - Avon Williams (Downtown) Watkins College of A&D
CLIFTON Columbia State Clifton Campus	JACKSON Lambuth University	OAK RIDGE Roane State Community Coll. Oak Ridge Campus
COLUMBIA Columbia State CC	LYNCHBURG Motlow State CC	WAVERLY Nashville State Tech CC Waverly Campus
COOKEVILLE Tennessee Tech Univ.	KNOXVILLE Pellissippi State CC Johnson Bible College	WHITEVILLE TN Tech Center
COVINGTON TN Tech Center	LEBANON Cumberland University	
CRUMP TN Tech Center	MCMINNVILLE TN Tech Center	

NT4CM Training Days Continue into December

The dates and cities for the NT4CM trainings across the state of TN are:

December 15, 2008:	APSU, Clarksville
December 15, 2008:	Union Univ., Jackson
January, 2009 TBA:	Memphis
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Meet Brandy Warren: TSAC Account Clerk

The TSAC staff member whose life has seen the most dramatic changes in the past year would have to be Brandy Warren. Brandy, TSAC's Account Clerk in the Business Affairs division, got married on October 6, 2007. In addition, this past summer, she gave birth to her first child. On July 23, 2008, she and her husband, Toby, welcomed a baby girl that they named Carol LeighAnn Warren.

Originally from Lyles, TN, Brandy has been with TSAC for just over 4 years. Working with TSAC is her first position within the higher education field. Brandy attended Bethel College, APSU, and graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree from Columbia State in May, 2006.

Her hobbies include cooking, watching sports - especially football - and photography. Her favorite season is Fall. "I love the colors and it's the start of the holiday season."

She says she has no spare time, but enjoys attending church gatherings, and relaxing at home with her family, friends, and her chocolate lab/doberman mix, *Chocolate*.



Comments from Brandy:



I really enjoy being able to help others, especially family and friends, with their financial aid questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ 12/8-12/10/2008
SASFAA Management
Institute

⇒ 12/24-26/2008
TSAC Offices closed
Happy Holidays

⇒ 1/2009 TBA
NT4CM Training -
Memphis

⇒ 12/15/2008
NT4CM Training -
APSU

⇒ 1/1/2009
TSAC Office closed
Happy New Year

⇒ 2/22/2009
College Goal Sunday
TN Statewide

⇒ 12/15/2008
NT4CM Training -
Union Univ.

⇒ 1/2009 TBA
NT4CM Training -
Memphis